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November 9, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation In the Matter of Connect America Fund WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future GN Docket No. 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers WC Docket No. 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support WC Docket No. 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime CC Docket No. 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up WC Docket No. 03-109; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

While the above reference refers to the filing of the enclosed material that was filed electronically with the FCC yesterday, Thursday, November 8, (no.ECFS Filing Receipt - Confirmation number: 2012118023455) I felt it is important to provide the original petition documents to you. The effects of the FCC's transformation order on rural America are so real, so profound, that we at Chariton Valley have commissioned the Bureau of Economic Research at Missouri State University to study the impact of USF and ICC reform on Missouri's economy. The university's study shows that reducing USF and ICC revenues to Chariton Valley, as ordered by the FCC, will not only affect Chariton Valley but the economic impact will multiply throughout Missouri's economy. Over the next several years, output in Missouri will decline between \$34 and \$41 million depending upon policy decisions the FCC has deferred to the future. Employment would diminish by 155 to 187 jobs, with wages declining by \$9 million to \$11 million during the 2012 to 2020 period. This diminished economic activity will lead to smaller tax revenues. Federal tax revenues will fall by \$2.05 to \$2.45 million. State and local tax revenues would decline by \$2 to nearly \$2.4 million.

These negative impacts to the Missouri economy will result from these revenue reductions to just one firm, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, and is subsidiaries, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation and Missouri RSA 5 Partnership d/b/a/ Chariton Valley Wireless Services.

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Chairman Genachowski, we met briefly when Senator McCaskill sponsored a summit on broadband in Troy, Missouri several months ago. If I remember correctly, the summit was prior to release of the transformation order. During our brief conversation, I asked that the FCC act carefully regarding reform of universal service. Your comment was "let's work together."

I ask that you take some time to review the enclosed documents. The effects of the transformation order are far reaching, not just in Missouri, but across the nation. Chariton Valley has been a leader in providing broadband and the use of IP technology. With the uncertainty we now face, we cannot move forward.

Chairman Genachowski, "let's work together" to reform universal service and ICC in a way that assures affordable rates, quality education and medical care, continued investment, and jobs, with strong economic growth, and the continued deployment of services that drive that growth in rural America.

I am at your service and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the findings of the economic impact study with you.

Sincerely,

CHARITON VALLEY TELEPHONE CORPORATION

James Simon, General Manager

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554



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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, a locally owned and operated cooperative providing state-of-the-art telecommunications services to consumers and businesses located in Northeast Missouri, I am transmitting a Petition to FCC Chairman Genachowski from hundreds of our member-owners.

The Petition addresses the concerns of our community with regard to the impact of the Commission's decisions concerning changes in the Universal Service Fund ("USF") high-cost network support program and Intercarrier Compensation ("ICC"). The Commission's decisions have very real and adverse impact on both our consumers and the financial viability of our cooperative. The FCC's USF and ICC decisions are responsible for the resulting severe ramifications for rural economic development and job creation in our community.

These concerns are neither hypothetical nor exaggerated – they are very real. The attached Petition references an economic impact study undertaken by the Bureau of Economic Research at Missouri State University. The study confirms and quantifies the significant adverse impact on the economy, jobs, and the federal tax base.

Among the many concerns with the Commission's USF and ICC decisions, the Chariton Valley cooperative and its consumer owners are especially concerned with the near-term impact of the Quantile Regression Analysis (QRA) which reduces and limits the USF support upon which Chariton Valley has relied in making investment in network to serve our community. In the attached petition, our members join the multitude of rural consumers, state regulators, and other rural carriers across the nation who have asked the FCC to suspend the implementation of

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the QRA, and to refer the QRA for review and recommendations to the Federal-State Joint Board in accordance with the intent of the Communications Act.

I would be pleased to discuss the concerns of the Chariton Valley community with Chairman Genachowski and his fellow Commissioners. I would also be pleased to provide the Chairman, his fellow Commissioners and Staff with the economic study conducted by the Bureau of Research at Missouri State University, and to discuss with them the findings regarding the adverse impact of the Commission's USF and ICC decisions.

I am filing this letter electronically with your office for inclusion in the record of each of the above-referenced proceedings pursuant to the Commission's Rules. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ James Simon, General Manager Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation

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From The
Co-op Members and Customers of Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation
To

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We, the **Co-op Members** and **Customers** of Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, wish to bring to your attention our concerns relating to the FCC's implementation of the USF/ICC Transformation Order, especially the FCC's use of the Quantile Regression Analysis (QRA). We have been made aware of the effects of the FCC reform by Chariton Valley's staff and are deeply concerned about not only the effects of the reform, but also that the FCC is moving in a direction that may have unintended consequences for consumers in rural areas. We live in high cost rural communities, where Chariton Valley has invested — with the encouragement and support of the federal government — in building state of the art telecommunications networks in areas no other provider was willing to serve. We are especially concerned that implementation of the QRA, which the FCC has acknowledged is flawed, has created so much uncertainty that Chariton Valley is unable to plan budgets for 2014 and beyond. These uncertainties are delaying investments that could be made in deploying broadband services in our rural communities and other rural communities across the United States. Simply put, the FCC's efforts are putting the economic recovery of rural communities at risk.

Chariton Valley recently commissioned the Bureau of Economic Research at Missouri State University to conduct an economic impact study of reductions in universal service funding and inter-carrier compensation revenues. Although the study focused exclusively on Chariton Valley, its findings demonstrated the state wide negative economic impacts of the FCC's reforms to be substantial:

- Over the next several years output in Missouri will decline between \$34 and \$41 million dollars depending upon policy decisions the FCC has deferred to the future.
- Employment will diminish by 155 to 187 jobs, with wages declining by over \$9 million dollars to nearly \$11 million dollars during the 2012 2020 time period.

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- Federal tax revenues will decline by \$2.05 million to \$2.45 million dollars while state and local tax revenues will fall by \$2 million to \$2.4 million dollars.
- These negative impacts to the Missouri economy will result from the revenue reductions to just one firm, Chariton Valley.

Recently, both the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARCU) and former Senator Byron Dorgan, who was instrumental in writing the 1996 Telecommunications Act, have recommended that the FCC defer use of the QRA, possibly until it is reviewed by the Federal-State Joint Board.

The first rule of reform is to do no harm. Given the concerns raised about reliance on the QRA and the current economic outlook we encourage the FCC to proceed cautiously and avoid the risk of harming rural consumers and communities. We strongly recommend that you follow the advice of state regulators, who understand their communities far better than bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., and suspend implementation of the QRA until it is subjected to further review by the Joint Board in a manner consistent with the Joint Board provisions of the 1996 Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We ask that you restore certainty to the future of telecommunications services, for the sake of our rural communities, rural jobs, rural education, rural medical care and rural economic development.

Sincerely,

The **Co-op Members** and **Customers** of Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation and its subsidiary companies.

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